



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Carol Kambites (Convenor)
Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor)
Gwen Atkinson
Ray Clegg
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: County Councillor Lesley Williams (for part of meeting)

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

K2/355 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/356 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/357 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2016

The minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/358 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Councillor Lesley Williams reported that she had received a report on work done to clear footpath MST 54 from the Paperbag Mill to the Nutshell and the footpath from Burdett Close although she had not checked the work herself. She asked to be copied in to communications with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways.

K2/359 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. Oldends Lane

- a) The Committee Clerk reported that she had received a response on 17 August 2016 from Dan Tiffney, GCC Local Highways Manager regarding progress on options to improve road safety at Oldends Lane, including a proposal for a pedestrian crossing and for vehicle triggered warning lights. He had not completed assessments but a first step will be to carry out a crossing survey.
- b) The Committee Clerk reported that a resident had complained that parked cars contributed to slow traffic along Oldends Road. Councillors agreed that the priority was to improve safety along Oldends Road and to focus on getting a pedestrian crossing there.

2. Traffic working group

- a) Notes of the Traffic working group meeting of 1 July 2016 were circulated with the agenda. Cllrs. Atkinson and Watt gave a report of the meeting of 12 September 2016. The Traffic Working Group have contacted Rodborough Parish Council to arrange a meeting regarding their speed watch scheme.

- b) Councillors agreed that improving road safety at Oldends Lane will be the priority for action by the Traffic Working Group, firstly, by working towards the provision of a pedestrian crossing and secondly, by measures to reduce speeding.
- c) The Traffic Working Group proposed the following locations for possible pedestrian crossings (zebra crossings): Oldends Lane near junction with Midland Road; High Street near Old Police Station; across Gloucester Road end of Meadow Road; across High Street end of Queens Road.

Councillors agreed that the priority for a pedestrian crossing was at Oldends Lane; the need for one across the High Street should be considered once the effect of the current Share Space repair work is known. Crossings at the end of Meadow Road and Queens Road close to the junctions of other roads would be dangerous and probably not allowed.

3. High Street repairs:

- a) Cllr. Swain thanked County Councillor Williams for calling a public meeting on 13 September 2016 about the High Street repairs. Cllr. Swain reported that the meeting went well and was also attended by Scott Tompkins of GCC Highways and Tony Cahill of Amey. Cllr. Atkinson reported that there was discussion on speeding and other issues; the need for a crossing near the Co-op and flashing lights re speeding was raised.

Cllr. Swain reported that traffic lights were now being taken down at the end of the day. The Committee Clerk reported that information from Amey regarding the road closure on 25 September had been handed in to the Town Hall. The length of time that the road is closed will partly depend on the weather.

- b) Cllrs noted that Gloucestershire County Council Highways have advised that the signs to the Share Space cannot be larger than those already on the highway in order to stay in line with the current regulations. Research is needed to see if it is possible to have bigger signs. County Councillor Williams advised that the purpose of share space is to encourage cautious driving.

4. GCC Parking Review:

- a) Notes of a meeting of 8 September with GCC Parking Review team were circulated with the agenda; GCC had proposed some minor changes to High Street parking such as the provision of a loading bay; they also proposed some shared use of permit only spaces. Those at the meeting of 8 September agreed that underuse of the town car park was a key problem and the signage should be improved.
- b) It was agreed that the Town Council will work towards improving usage of town centre car park before pursuing other options outlined by GCC Parking Review team and that a meeting of GCC, SDC and the Town Council should be arranged to agree how signage to the car park can be improved.

5. Damaged kerb on Town Green at access to pharmacy

Councillors noted that a revised proposal from GCC of filling the damaged area with concrete and a back edging will be put for consideration by the Amenities, Recreation and Tourism Committee. GCC had advised that the options of mesh or cobbles put forward by the Regeneration and Environment Committee were expensive or not appropriate.

County Councillor Williams left the meeting.

K2/360 THE COMMISSIONER'S FUND COMMUNITY FUND

The deadline for applications to this fund is 1 December 2016. Councillors agreed that the application form, guidance and further information regarding the Gloucestershire Police Community Fund 2017/18 would be circulated to committee members who would provide suggestions for possible projects to apply for in time for the next Regeneration and Environment Committee agenda.

K2/361 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Cllr. Watt reported that there has been no further progress as the Bristol Road Station working group is still waiting for the results of the GCC and Bristol City Council study on frequency of

services between Yate and Gloucester, due in June. Cllr. Watt to find out if there has been any progress.

K2/362 BRIDGE AT OLDENDS LANE LEVEL CROSSING

The Committee Clerk reported that she had returned a Development Questionnaire with some information regarding the possible location of a footbridge and relevant planning decisions, to Network Rail who had arranged a site visit for 29th September.

Cllrs. agreed the following resolution to be put to a full Town Council meeting:

Stonehouse Town Council supports the provision of a footbridge over the Oldends Lane level crossing to facilitate better access between Stonehouse and the West of Stonehouse development. The Town Council to negotiate a consideration for a strip of land from the car park at Oldends Lane Recreation Ground for access to the bridge.

K2/363 NETWORK RAIL TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STONEHOUSE 26 LEVEL CROSSING AND DIVERSION OF NON-STOP TRAINS

Cllrs. noted information received regarding the above changes which will apply from 12 September until Monday 24 October.

K2/364 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT

1. Cllrs. have noticed that larger stones keep coming to the surface of the newly laid path. GCC Local Highways Manager to be asked for advice to see if surface could be improved. It was noted that there is around £2,500 unspent grant funding available to pay for further work. The Committee Clerk has chased Network Rail regarding scrub clearance. Signs have been received and need to be fixed.
2. Cllrs. considered a proposal to improve accessibility of gate at Queens Road end of path by removing some iron railings and agreed the gate would need to be fitted with a spring in order to be self closing. Cllrs. agreed to meet on 20th September at Queens Road to consider improvements to gate and other possible improvements to access to the station.

K2/365 LONG STAY PARKING IN STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CAR PARK

Cllrs. agreed the following resolution to be put to a full Town Council meeting:

That Stonehouse Town Council requests that part of the town centre car park is designated for long stay parking.

K2/366 BUS SHELTERS

1. The Committee Clerk reported that she had contacted Jonathan Roberts, GCC Transport Infrastructure Officer who advised that he was setting aside £20,000 to upgrade the High Street including bus shelters. The type of any new bus shelter would be agreed with the Town council and ownership would be transferred to the Town Council.

Cllrs. suggested that new shelters could be similar in style to those installed at Merrywalks, Stroud, closed at the back and with toughened glass rather than plastic.

Committee Clerk to find out cost of shelter from ACE shelters. Cllr. Kambites to circulate brochure.

2. The Committee Clerk reported that GCC advised there was no further S.106 money for bus shelters apart from the £7,500 identified by Stroud District Council.
3. Cllrs. prioritised the bus shelters for replacement as follows:
 - a) Outside Lobby's, High Street
 - b) Outside Medical Centre, High Street
 - c) Outside Frying Machine, Bath Road
 - d) Outside Premier, High Street
 - e) Gloucester Road

The Committee Clerk to inform Jonathan Roberts of this list and that there is S.106 money available.

Cllr. Watt to write to Wycliffe School to advise them that Wycliffe staff had been seen using the bus shelter on the Ebley Road and to request that they contribute to the maintenance of the shelter.

K2/367 BUS SERVICE TIMETABLE CHANGES

Cllrs. noted that Services 61, 64 and 66 have all been re-timed but there have been no route changes in Stonehouse.

K2/368 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL (SDC) SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE AND CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The Committee Clerk reported that both the Town Council's recent response to proposed modifications to the draft CIL charging schedule and the Town Council's response sent in June to the draft CIL charging schedule had been received by SDC.

K2/369 GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS (GAPTC) SURVEY ON LOCAL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT WITH PLANNING AUTHORITIES

Cllrs. agreed the following responses to the survey questions (Do you feel your planning authority keeps you informed with regard to planning considerations and housing allocation following consultation around the Local Plan? YES/NO; Whether you have answered yes or no, could you please expand as to why you feel you are or are not adequately informed):

Cllrs. do not feel that Stroud District Council kept them informed about planning considerations and housing allocation during consultation around the Local Plan. Stroud District Council did attend various meetings to hear the Town Council's view but did not take any account of those views and comments.

K2/370 TOWN BENCHMARKING BY PEOPLE AND PLACES

Information received regarding the above information gathering and analysis service was noted as possibly beneficial but not a priority at present.

K2/371 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Minutes of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group (SNPG) meetings of minutes of 30 June 2016 and 4th August 2016. Cllr. Kambites reported that the 6 week consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was now over; responses from residents were largely positive; Stroud District Council Planning Strategy provided a detailed response and one SNPG member was surprised that Stonehouse Town Council had not provided a response.

K2/372 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk had provided an expenditure report showing the only expenditure from the Committee budget was on Neighbourhood Plan Administration (£3,741 to date). Expenditure had been made on items funded by Neighbourhood Plan grants (£720 to date from previous grant, £982 to date on 2016/2017 grant) and First Great Western Communities Fund grant (£113.05 to date). SNPG have asked to draw down on the £1,500 budget item for Neighbourhood Plan consultancy advice. Cllr. Kambites declared an interest in this item as a member of SNPG.

Resolution: The Committee agreed that SNPG can draw down on the £1,500 allocated for Neighbourhood Plan consultancy advice if planning consultancy advice is needed to re-draft policies for a submission draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. (Proposed Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Watt)

K2/373 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

(For Members' information - the letter in brackets are an indication of the Town Council observations. N.O. = No Observations/OBJ = Object/SUPP = Support/DNO or Supp = Do Not Object or Support)

16/0396/FUL Reliance Works, Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse.
Erection of 2 detached industrial units in lieu of existing 2 attached units.
CONSENT (SUPP with comment)

16/0404/FUL 5 Barnard Parade, High Street

Change of use from shop to ground floor launderette and first floor flat together with erection of first floor rear extension

CONSENT (SUPP.)

16/0512/HHOLD 28 Adelaide Gardens, GL10 2PZ.

Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling to form living space and bedroom accommodation.

Existing garage to be demolished and replaced.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/0596/HHOLD 16 Paddock Rise

Two storey extension to the side of the house, replacing the existing single storey garage

CONSENT (N.O)

16/0661/HHOLD 35 Rosedale Avenue

Demolition of existing flat roofed garage and construction of new single storey extension to provide a porch to the front and cycle store, WC and utility room to the side.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/0669/COU Unit 13, Springfield Business Centre, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Change of Use from B1 (light industrial) and B2 (general industrial) to D2 (personal training fitness studio). Resubmission of S.16/0217/COU.

REFUSED (SUPP.)

16/0626/CPL 10 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse

Single storey extension to rear to provide new garden room, wc/wet room, including a porch to the side

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1041/FUL Wycliffe College, Bath Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

The installation of 2nr temporary Portakabin Limited buildings in a two storey configuration for a period of 78 weeks only for use as day student study areas.

(N.O) CONSENT

16/1173/TPO 9 Barlow Close, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3QP.

2x Yew Trees - Cut back overhanging branches by up to approximately 3m.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1066/HHOLD 19 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Extension of dormer windows in roof. Conversion of garage to living accommodation.

CONSENT

16/0813/HHOLD 9 Crescent Close, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and construction of New single storey rear extension, to provide dining room and kitchen.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1319/HHOLD 6 Sydney, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PU.

Two storey side extension

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1331/ADV Unit 501 And 502, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse.

Advertisement Consent: To replace two existing non-illuminated fascia signs on front and side of building with a non-illuminated fascia on the side and an illuminated fascia to the front.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1338/HHOLD 48 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD.

Single storey side and rear extension.

CONSENT (N.O)

16/1439/HHOLD **29 Avenue Terrace, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3RE.**
Single storey extension at rear to provide kitchen and dining room extension.
CONSENT (N.O)

16/1451/HHOLD **9 Kings Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EZ.**
Erection of two storey extension.
CONSENT (N.O)

16/1525/TPO 7 Barlow Close, Stonehouse
Yew, reduce by 3m.
CONSENT (N.O)

16/1032/FUL **Land to Rear Of, 38/40 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Erection of terrace of three x 2 bed dwellings, formation of vehicular access and landscaping.
REFUSAL (OBJ)

K2/374 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

31 October 2016 - Agenda Items: Community Fund, Bus shelters, Bristol Road Station, Station Link Path
